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Grim discovery in Ping Chau island BODY UNDER A STOVE

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HELP FOR
HONDURAS

THE British Honduras Government's decision to approach Hongkong for immigrants will be more than welcome here as there has been an almost total disinclination by other countries even to consider accepting some of our refugees.

The offer of loans to immigrants, repayable over a period at low interest rates, will offer an inducement which should appeal to those who are willing to undertake the venture.

Priority is apparently to be given to farmers but whether Hongkong has a surplus of men in this category is questionable although it is likely that younger members of the agricultural community will find the idea attractive.

If Hongkong is to go along with the scheme (and there is no reason why it should not give its full support) Government must undertake the responsibility of ensuring that the would-be migrants are of the right type and are fully apprised of the life ahead of them which will be far from comfortable as British Honduras is still a frontier country.

The Government might go even further by approaching the Home Government to work out a three-way partnership in co-operation with British Honduras.

If Hongkong selected the migrants, prepared them and provided their meals during the journey the Home Government might be induced to supply the transport. Thus British Honduras would be relieved of part of the burden.

CAMOUFLAGE

THE Soviet Premier's activities seem to indicate that he has already made up his mind that nothing will be accomplished at the summit conference in Paris and is all set to reap the benefits of world peace. He is already stepping up his psychological attacks against the West on a number of fronts. His latest call for a ban on nuclear tests, while appearing to have merit on the surface, contains nothing that is new when the camouflage is stripped off. In fact, it has all been said before. The meeting of the Warsaw Pact leaders was another occasion for a torrent of familiar high-sounding phrases which have yet to advance the cause of world peace.

Apparently Mr Khrushchev is approaching the summit with the object of pressuring for total world disarmament and the express intention of making the most of it, knowing full well that this is impossible under prevailing world tensions. The psychological impact on a world desirous of peace cannot be denied and such an appeal undoubtedly finds many adherents among idealists.

The Soviet leader obviously does not expect to get anywhere near agreement on such a proposal. He would probably be the most amazed man in the world if he did.

Dead woman's son-in-law goes on trial

Crown Counsel told the Criminal Sessions this morning how the leader of a police penetration patrol found a partly decomposed human body under a cooking stove in a cooked food shop on Ping Chau Island.

Mr Dennis d'Almada, the accused, was operating the shop on the trial of 31-year-old Lam Man-hung, who is accused of murdering his mother-in-law, Wong Tai-mui. He pleaded not guilty.

Justice K. R. Maejee, presiding, said today that he had examined the condition of the body and found multiple injuries to the head, neck and hands.

The doctor would also say that death was caused by shock and haemorrhage from open wounds on the neck.

Not happy

Addressing the court on the circumstances of the case, Mr d'Almada alleged that the relationship between the accused and his mother-in-law had not been happy.

Lam, he said, was the proprietor of a cooked food shop at 14 Wing On Street, Ping Chau, and he had no reason to believe him an untruthful but honest man.

Shortly after 2 a.m. on November 6, 1958, shouts of "fire" were heard by some of the residents of the buildings

A juror objects

One of a jury of seven summoned for a murder trial at the Criminal Sessions this morning refused at first to swear in because he said he was a Roman Catholic and was against capital punishment.

The trial judge, Mr Justice K. R. Maejee, told him, however, that it was only the jury's job to come to a conclusion on certain facts.

"The sentence is passed by the judge," Mr Justice Maejee said.

In view of these remarks, the juror then withdrew his objections and was sworn in.

The jury, which is hearing the trial of Lam Man-hung, 31, accused of murdering his mother-in-law, Wong Tai-mui, consists of four men and three women.

adjacent to No. 14," counsel continued. "You will hear them saying that the voice was that of a woman."

"You will also hear from the village guard, Mr Chau Ming-fung, who had just finished patrolling the village and was about to retire for the night."

"He will tell you that, on hearing the shout 'fire!', he came out to investigate."

Carried bucket

He later saw the accused emerge from the front door of No. 14 carrying a bucket, Lam, he said, emptied the bucket outside the side door in the lane, and returned to the house.

Later on Lam went out again and according to the village guard, seemed to be going in the direction of the village market.

Counsel said the court would hear that Lam seemed surprised when he entered the guard.

Mr Chau asked whether what was the matter with him, and Lam had replied: "It was chopped once by 'kuil'." "Kuil means in the Cantonese dialect, 'the', 'she', or 'it'." Mr d'Almada

The guard had then asked the accused to show him the wound.

and Lam showed him an injury on his left thigh.

Mr d'Almada said that evidence would be heard that accused was wearing a white singlet and short pants, and that the white singlet was stained with blood.

"Mr Chan then went to the side lane and flushed his torch on the spot where he had seen the accused empty his bucket of water," Counsel continued.

Bloodstains

"You will hear that with the aid of his torch, the village guard left the surrounding ground and found it wet with bloodstains," he said.

Counsel said that later in the morning, Lam had gone to Cheung Chau medical clinic, where he had had the thigh wound treated.

Mr d'Almada said that on the evening of the following day, November 7, a police village penetration patrol arrived in the village during their normal duties. As a result of what he was told, the corporal in charge made investigations, and with Lam's permission, searched his house.

The body was later found there, and CID officers summoned. On November 11, Lam was formally charged with the murder, Mr d'Almada said.

Mr Charles A. Ching, instructed by Mr P. Wong of Lau, Chin and Co., is representing Lam.

The trial continues before Mr Justice K. R. Maejee.

Dart-and-tea-record

Nicosia, Feb. 21.

Eight Royal Air Force Corporals today set a world record by a scoring 1,000,000 points in a dart game which lasted 47 hours and 21 minutes.

The airmen knocked four hours and 46 minutes off the former world record of 42 hours and eight minutes held by the Loughborough College of Technology.

In setting the new record, the airmen downed more than 400 cups of tea and probably walked over 100 miles in front of the dart board.—UPI.

Helicopter vs eagle

Grenoble, Feb. 21.

An eagle with seven-foot wings spread attacked an army helicopter yesterday in the alpine foothills near this city in southern France.

The plane's rotor sheared off one of the eagle's talons and part of its beak. Children later found the bird dead by the side of Lake Thallo.

The bird, believed to be a golden eagle, weighed 10½ lbs.

Leopard scare

Buffalo, N.Y., Feb. 21.

Police stood by with drawn guns when two hungry leopards escaped from their snowbound circus cage here today and terrified tony dealers and other showmen.

Travellers seeking refuge at a super-highway restaurant.

An animal trainer finally cornered the two animals.—Reuter.

Why Jimmy smiles



Jimmy Shoot smiles happily—and he has good reason to.

He is clutching his brand new passport which will enable him to fly to his new home in America.

Jimmy was born in November, 1958. He is part Negro, part Chinese. His mother was not able to keep him.

He has been cared for by a Hongkong family and will be sent by International Social Service to the home of his new foster parents in New York state later this week.

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Surprise British disclosure on Chessman case

Kettering, Feb. 22.

Police said they have sent U.S. authorities copies of a statement by a British taxi driver who claims he may have evidence bearing on the case of Caryl Chessman.

The taxi-driver, Edward Alain, told police a U.S. serviceman once boasted to him of committing crimes in the United States similar to those on which Chessman was convicted and condemned to die.

Alain said the American also claimed he had committed the crimes in the same locality where Chessman was, said to operate.

Alain, who said the American hired his cab about 18 months ago, told newsmen:

Chessman has always claimed his innocence and the recent publicity of the case recalled to mind the American serviceman.

The American had a girl with him at the time and said he was responsible for crimes in America.

"Shortly afterward, the American died in a railway accident and I believe it was assumed he had committed suicide. I have told the police all I can remember about this because I think it may have a bearing on the Chessman case."

Kettering police said the statement had been handed to the American Embassy in London.

(See Also Page 3)

Countess's body to be flown to London

Singapore, Feb. 22.

Arrangements are being made here this morning for the body of Lady Mountbatten back to London tomorrow.

Lady Mountbatten died in her sleep in Jevelin, on Saturday night, and her body was flown here late last night.

The wreath-covered coffin was taken to the British military hospital in central Singapore.

A London report said Lady Mountbatten was to have been the godmother of the Queen's third baby.

The Queen has called for a week's family mourning.—Agencies.

Damaged?

Buenos Aires, Feb. 22.

A senior Navy official denied that two Argentine navy Corsair planes attacked and presumably damaged a mystery submarine today in Golfo Nuevo, southern Argentina.—AP.

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AFRICANS WILL RULE BRITISH COLONY Kenya conference ends 'DEATH BLOW TO EUROPEANS'

London, Feb. 21.

The Kenya constitutional conference ended here today after five weeks and a European delegate said, "This conference is the death blow for Europeans in Kenya."

No agreement was reached on the important issue of land safeguards in the framework of a new constitution.

A conference report to the delegates in private session this afternoon noted the "general agreement" by three major groups on constitutional proposals to provide an African-majority Parliament next year.

Land safeguards

The only group to reject the proposals outright was the European Settlers' United Party, led by Group Captain Llewellyn Briggs.

A conference source said it was understood that at the private session, Mr. Ian Macleod, the Colonial Secretary, said that

as there was no agreement on land safeguards, he would have to make his own proposals when making his recommendations to the British Cabinet.

The source said Mr. Macleod also indicated that the British Government would take over the full cost of the land forces in Kenya, thus releasing more than £1 million for education, and that Britain would underwrite loans of up to £5 million for resettlement purposes, along the lines of a land development board, which had been discussed by the conference.

Mr. Macleod told delegates that "although this is the end of the Kenya conference it is not an end but a beginning—and the beginning of a new phase for Kenya."—Reuters.



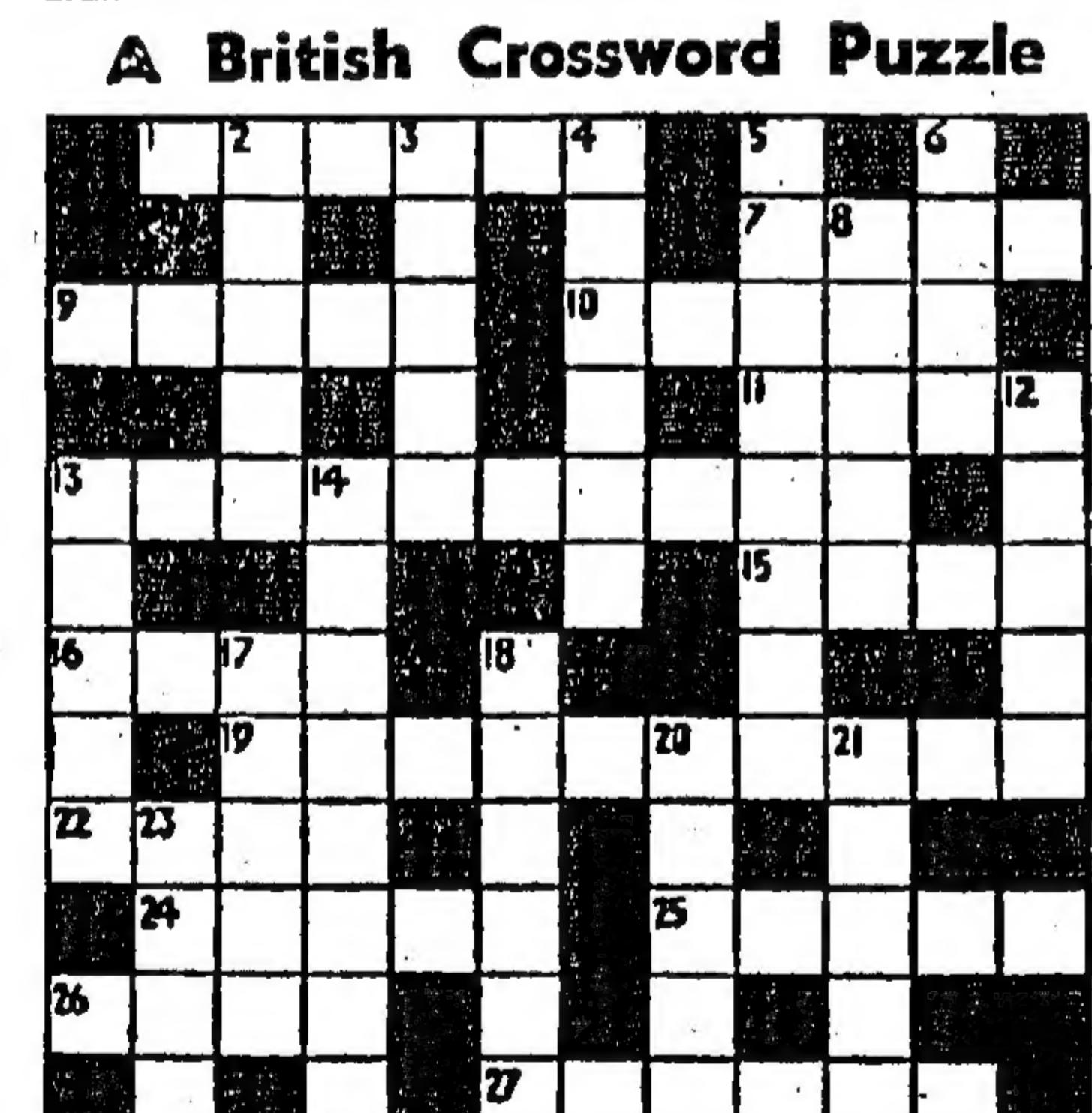
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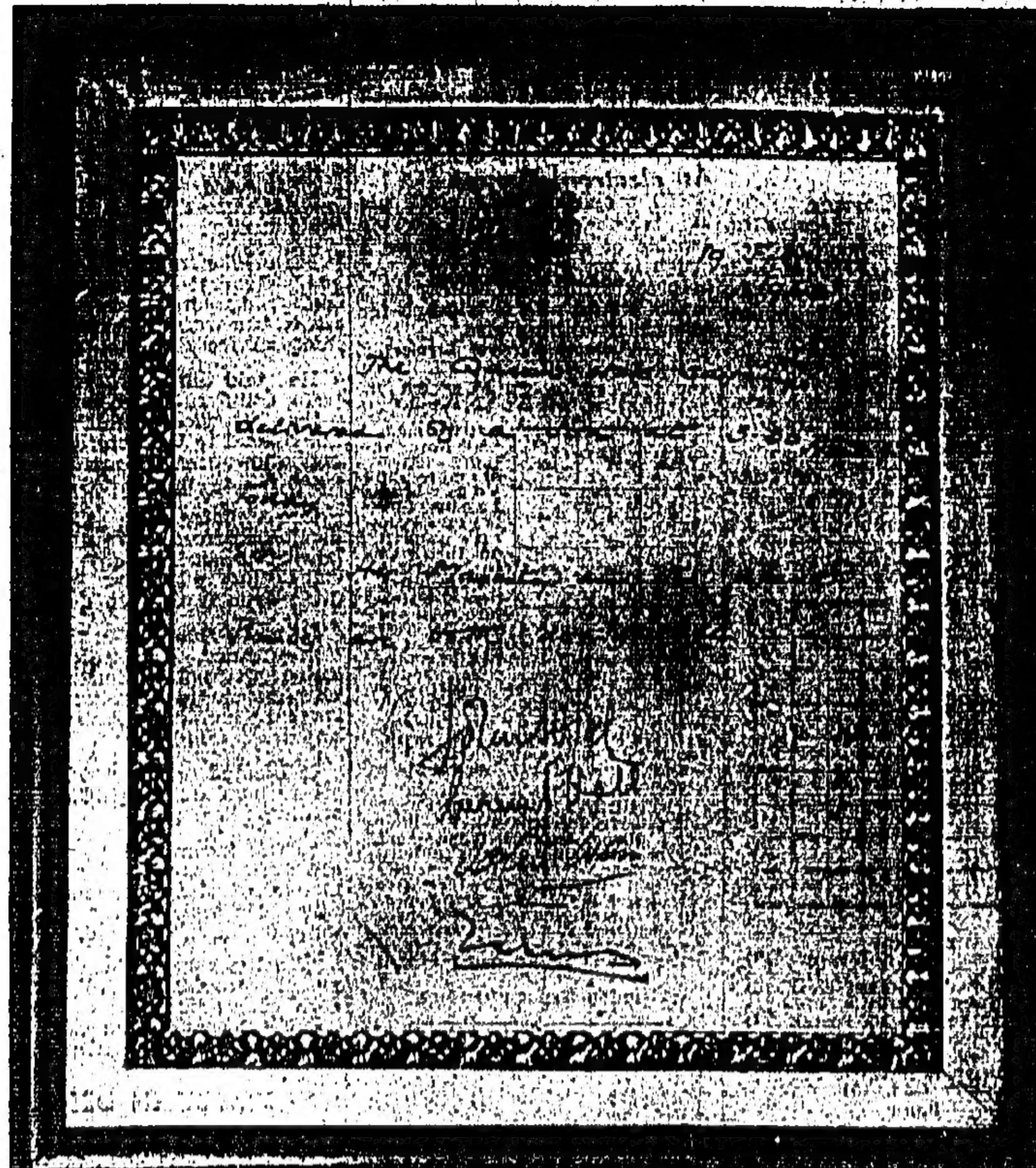
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1. Living greyhound? (6)
2. The dash of the Lancers. (4)
3. Nore ticket? (6)
10. Of less importance. (6)
11. Pools "cues" (4)
13. Swarthy directors in the class-room? (10)
15. Man, maybe. (4)
16. A long way off. (4)
17. Curb mentioned is put back. (10)
22. Get the ball out (4)
24. Lifelines as in a liner today. (6)
25. Confuse learned divine in drink. (6)
26. Historic times. (4)
Embrace, see, on a vast country with a lake up in the U.S. (4)

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Turner, 4 Weir, 7 Pali, 17 Love, 19 Robin, 20 Dreamer, 21 Adit, 23 Screw, 24 Belong, 26 Loath, 28 Band-it. Down: 1 The-o-hold, 2 Ringdove, 3 Erat, 5 Ethiopia, 6 R-ache-I, 8 Error, 11 Steamer, 12 Ceres, 13 Landlord, 14 Bit tight, 10 Oracle, 22 Vera.

PALACE BULLETIN



Seen above is the bulletin announcing the birth of a son to the Queen on the railings of Buckingham Palace last Friday. A happy crowd of about 2,000 people was there to receive the good news. The bulletin was signed by the four doctors attending the Queen.—Reuters Photo.

Domestics like America

New York, Feb. 21.
Mrs. Vera Sugg, director of a private British employment agency, has arrived here to study the needs of American families for domestic help.

Mrs. Sugg, who has placed about 150 British girls in American homes during the past year, said: "The demand for domestics in the United States is fantastic."

She added that she hoped to place a further 1,500 British girls during this year.

Mrs. Sugg told reporters that most of the girls already placed have said they did not want to return to England because "they love the American way of life even though they have to work harder."—China Mail Special.

New name

London, Feb. 21.
Joseph J. Taylor, General Manager, said today his Workers Travel Association would change its name to Galileo Holidays Ltd., because "we have been fighting a losing battle against 20th century class consciousness."

Discussing his South American trip, Mr. Eisenhower said he would assure the Latin American republics the United

SHE REFUSED 65 PROPOSALS SINCE THE 1920s

The 'shy bride' will marry well-known writer-sculptor

London, Feb. 21.
Miss Mary Landon Baker, Chicago-born heiress known to international society of the 1920s as the "shy bride," will marry a London sculptor-writer and former soldier of fortune.

Miss Baker, 59, first hit the headlines as a pretty Chicago debutante in 1922 when she eloped with Alister McCormick, son of the millionaire manufacturer of agricultural machinery. She left McCormick standing at the altar with the church full of people. "The shy bride" of 1922 as she became known was later to cancel plans to marry McCormick five more times.

The daughter of a Chicago stockbroker, she and her mother moved to Europe in 1928 and lived in London, Paris, Florence and elsewhere. Social pages were full of her legendary chaperone parties and she became the toast of two continents. She received proposals of marriage from dukes, barons and society leaders by the score—the rate, the total, at 65—but refused them all until she met London artist Hugh Williams de Wet.

The Gestapo arrested him and his wife, a white Russian countess, and accused him of working as a spy for the French intelligence.

He was tortured by the Gestapo and his wife committed suicide before he was convicted and sent to prison to await execution. Day by day then for the rest of the war, he waited for the knock at his cell door. It never came. He was eventually freed by

advancing American forces and lived to describe his ordeal in a book.

Miss Baker, polite and grey-haired, inherited £140,000 on the death of her mother in 1954. She has lived continuously in England in recent years, writing poetry.

Asked some years ago why she had jilted McCormick at the church, she said: "Suddenly I realized I was not really in love with him enough. That's all there was to it."

Of the many suitors who followed, Miss Baker said "some were just adventurers after my money but others were fine men. I might have found happiness with—but I did not find love."

—China Mail Special.

SLIM'S SON LOST AND FOUND

Plymouth, Feb. 21.
Five helicopters searched Dartmoor today when Major John Slim, 30-year-old only son of Field-marshal Sir William Slim, former Governor-General of Australia—was reported missing on an army exercise.

Major Slim, who had been missing since early yesterday while taking part in a search and evasion exercise in Dartmoor National Park, was found this afternoon by a member of his unit.

He was driven in a Land Rover to rejoin his troops, temporarily based at barracks near here.

The search for Major Slim began after he was reported to have been taken ill.

DISAPPEARED

His companion had gone for help, but on returning found Major Slim had disappeared. There was more than four feet of snow in the area where he was missed.

Troops were about to begin a ground search when news came through that he had been found.

A Southern Command spokesman said:

"The officer is safe and, as far as we know, not unwell."

Major Slim, 30, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, was married in July, 1958. His wife gave birth to a son just over a week ago. —China Mail Special.

'Tsar Cannon' moved to new site

London, Feb. 21.
A giant cannon intended to defend the Kremlin in the 16th century has been moved from its emplacement where it has rested for the past 120 years, according to Tass.

Known as the "Tsar Cannon" it is one of the Kremlin's landmarks.

It was cast in 1586 by famous Moscow gunsmith, Andrey Chokhov. It has a barrel more than 17 feet 6 inches long and weighs 40 tons and has a 36-ton carriage.

But it never fired any of its two-ton cannon balls.

Tass said it had been moved closer to another Kremlin monument, the "Tsar Bell," cast in 1735. —China Mail Special.

German consul for Queensland

Brisbane, Feb. 21.
Queensland's first German consul in 46 years will be sworn in at a ceremony in Brisbane tomorrow.

The new consul, a Brisbane businessman Mr. Bruce Shearer, will be sworn in by the German Consul-General in Australia, K. Brunhoff.

Mr. Shearer cannot speak a word of German—but said today that he was looking for a German-speaking secretary. —China Mail Special.

Chessman case arouses major controversy

Sacramento, Calif., Feb. 21.
A major storm was brewing here today over convict-author Caryl Chessman's eighth reprieve from the gas chamber.

The coming week may see the death cell drama, which has attracted world-wide attention as Chessman fought for his life over the past 12 years, develop into a political crisis centred around the man who reprieved him. Governor Edmund Brown of California.

WARNING

Announcing the 60-day reprieve in the early hours of Friday morning, the Governor also called the State Assembly to meet on February 29 to debate capital punishment, still enshrined in California. His decision, he said, was partly influenced by a State Department telegram passing on a warning from the U.S. Embassy in Montevideo that hostile demonstrations would greet President Eisenhower when he visits Uruguay on March 2 if Chessman were executed.

In the federal capital, several senators protested against State Department interference in the judicial procedures of a state.

Now doubts were raised in Washington yesterday that, 24 hours before the State Department telegram was sent, a California official telephoned a high government official to express concern over U.S. relations abroad if Chessman went to the gas chamber.

The state official was California's Deputy Attorney-General, Mr. Richard P. Moran. He told Mr. George V. Allen, Director of the U.S. Information Agency, that hundreds of telegrams, letters and petitions had been received from abroad, urging clemency for Chessman.

Mr. Moran said the execution might cause demonstrations against the President during his South American trip, which begins tomorrow.

There is more controversy here over the Governor's move to have a debate centred round Chessman, which has drawn opposition even from politicians opposed to capital punishment.

REVERSE OPINION

Assemblymen Don Allen of Los Angeles, told reporters at the weekend: "I've voted against capital punishment, but I'll reverse myself now and vote in favour of retaining it."

Assemblymen Bruce Rengen, described as a conservative republican, said he was seriously considering presenting a bill to impeach Governor Brown, whose action showed he was not qualified to be chief executive of California...his sympathy seems to be with the criminal and not with the victim."

Mr. George Davis, Chessman's chief lawyer, said he would be glad to defend Governor Brown against any impeachment charges.

Mr. Davis also claimed as the weekend that the fourth Justice of the California Supreme Court, which twice last week voted 4 to 3 against recommending mercy for Chessman, was ready to change his vote.

This would clear the way for Governor Brown to commute Chessman's sentence and end the case out of the controversy over abolition of the death penalty in the state. —Reuters.

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MAIL NOTICES

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BY AIR

Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada,
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Noon.
Middle East, Aden, Africa, Great
Britain & Ireland, Noon.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
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Italy, Portugal, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., Egypt, 8 p.m.
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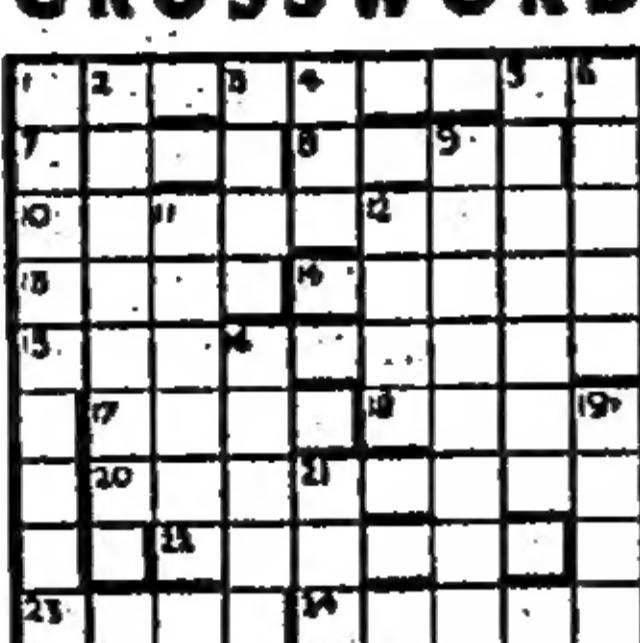
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Belgium, 2 p.m.
Macau, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23
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China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, 10 a.m.

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CROSSWORD



Across:

- Smithy tree? (9)
- Measure. (6)
- Stockings. (6)
- Great (1)
- Crown. (4)
- Light craft. (6)
- Smoothing apparatus. (6-8)
- Ireland. (4)
- Search. (9)
- Caledonian. (8)
- On. (4)
- Mark! (4)
- Conductor's staff. (6)
- Down:
- Bird. (8)
- Exchange (anag.). (6)
- Exchange at a price. (6)
- Cravat. (8)
- Scallop shell. (6)
- Seals (7)
- Places (5)
- Measuring instruments (14)
- Across (10)
- Sailors (4)
- Sing a roundie. (6)
- Roundies (6)
- Eastern (13)
- Friday's solution. (13)
- (London Express Service).

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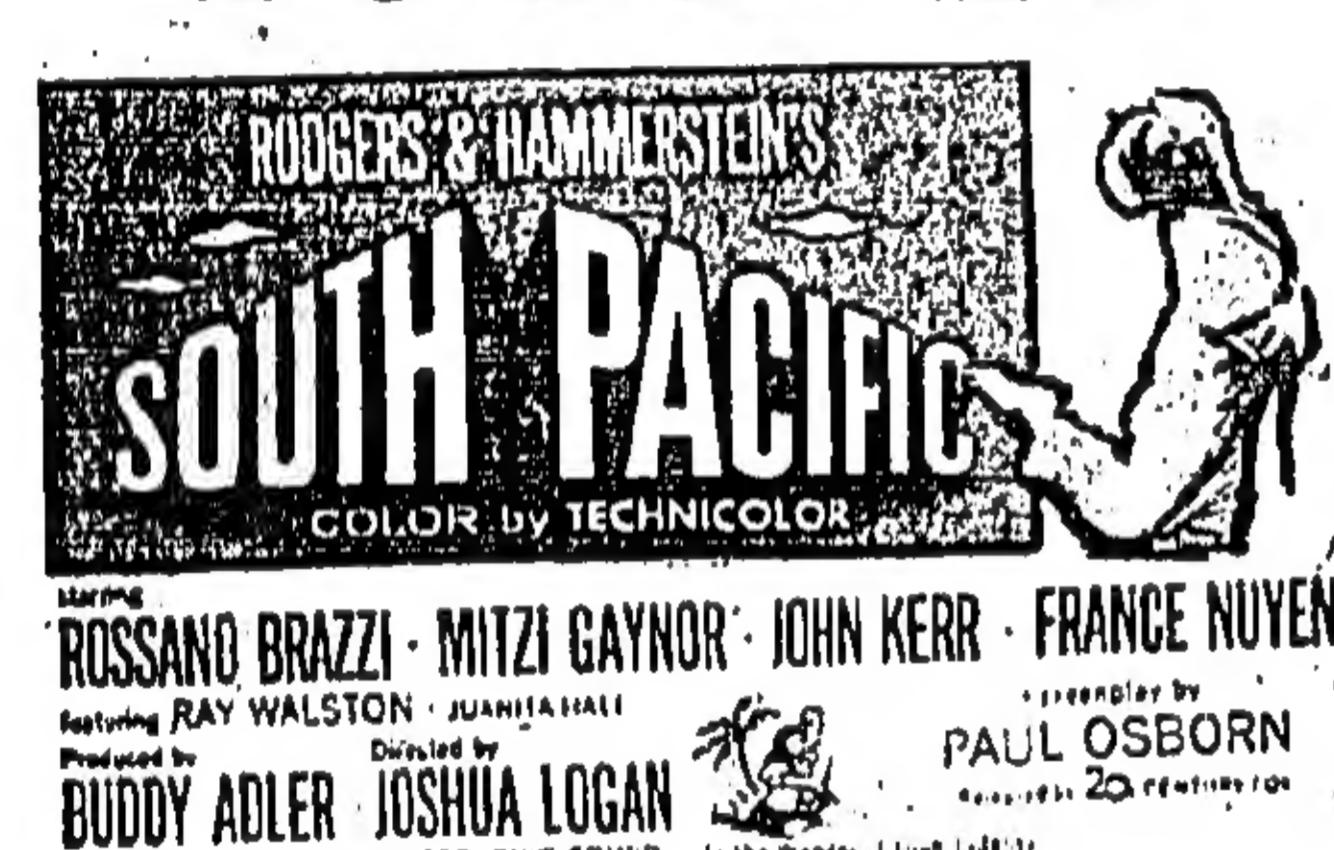
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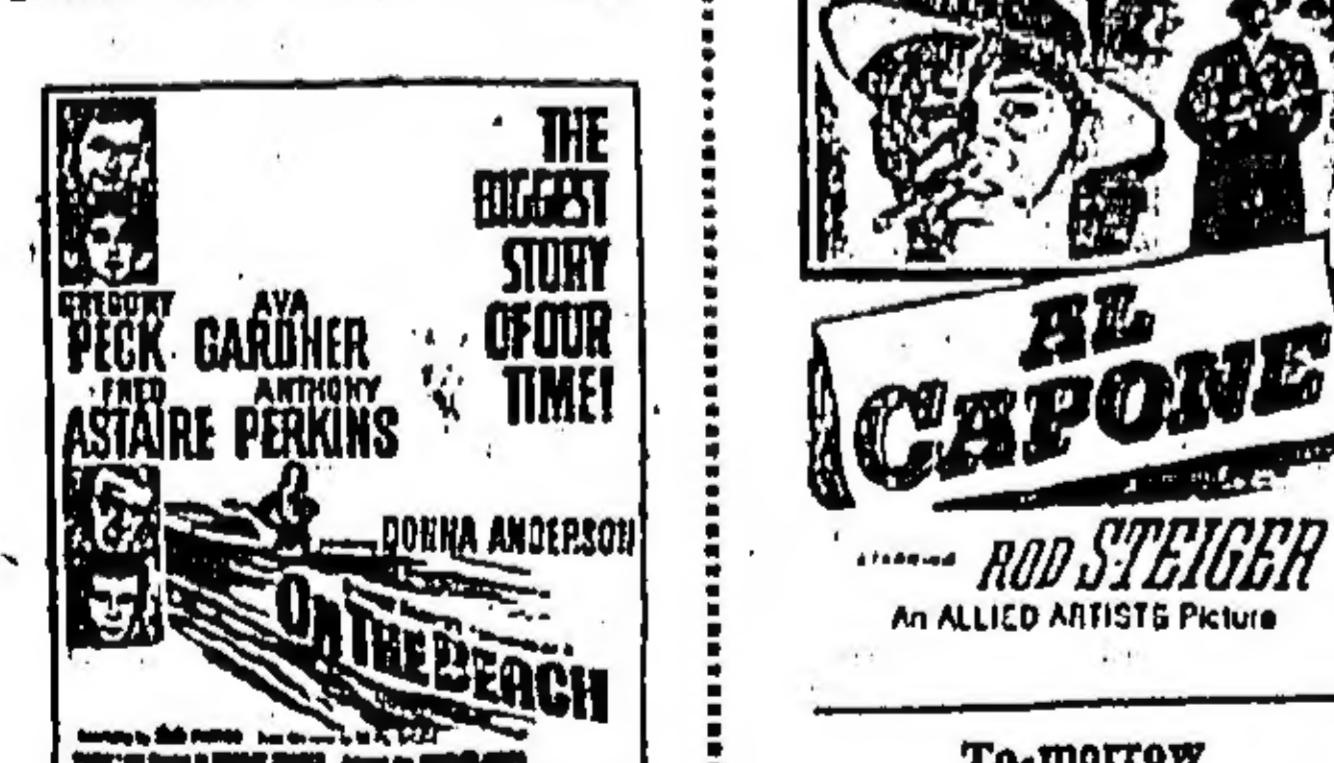
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Farmers up in arms

London, Feb. 21.
Proposals to submerge thousands of acres of farmland in the Towy Valley in West Wales, to provide reservoirs, were criticised by the Welsh Committee of the National Farmers Union at a meeting in London.

Delegates from all the Welsh counties were unanimous in supporting a protest from the Cheshire members, who said that farmers throughout Wales had been greatly shocked by the disclosures made by the South-West Wales River Board.

The Committee took the view that while the NFU was not opposed to properly controlled industrial development, the demands now made upon farmland, including some of the best and most productive, were "devoid of logic."

QUITE CLEAR

A spokesman of the NFU said, "It is quite clear that the great value of this dairy-farming country has not been appreciated by those who are now putting forward these fantastic claims."

An emergency committee is being set up by the Welsh Secretary of the NFU Mr Everly Merchant, to make an immediate investigation.

The NFU Parliamentary Committee have asked for full details of the proposals, and an early interview with the Government will be sought.

The support of Welsh MPs will be invited.—China Mail Special.

43 ships burnt

Jakarta, Feb. 21.
Antara News Agency said today authorities at Tarakan, East Borneo had recently burnt 43 smuggling vessels, ranging in size from 10 to 80 tons.

A small ceremony marked the occasion.

The Indonesian Government claims the ships were taken while illegally running tropical produce out of the republic.—Reuter.

Hartnell is quoted as saying:

"I should have been very upset if I had appeared and had caused any displeasure among the Royal Family. I would have been embarrassed and very hurt."—China Mail Special.

This, the Daily Mail reveals, is why the programme was suddenly cancelled.

Telegrams were sent to those

who would have appeared in the show—including dress designers like Balmain and Balenciaga and Hartnell's leading model, Dolores, who had

filmed a tribute in South Africa.

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"Alors, I think I can depend on everyone of you . . ."

LONDON EXPRESS SERVICE

Wool—it's on the crest of a prosperity wave

BRADFORD.
ONCE upon a time, so it was said, a clairvoyant with special powers had a thriving business here.

Stolid Yorkshire businessmen paid her discreet visits to learn from her crystal ball whether the price of wool was likely to go up—or down.

Wool is the lifeblood of this Yorkshire city.

It thrived in the markets of the world like a new-born lamb in spring.

And there is nothing a Yorkshireman likes more than to have a flutter in this unpredictable commodity.

Visionary

The other day against a background of clattering combing and top-making machines, they told me about this remarkable visionary of years ago.

Had she still been around, a good few folk would undoubtedly be asking her how long the present boom was going to last.

Everywhere in Bradford you get the same buoyant story at present.

"Trade is nothing short of excellent," reports Mr Jackson Sweeting of the £7,000,000 Illingworth, Morris combine.

"Order books are packed out. Our only problem is getting enough labour to meet customers' demands quickly."

In nearby Shipley, Mr Reginald Pitcher, of the Aire Wool

Company, says: "Until last March trade was depressed. Then suddenly, the whole world seemed to get busy. Merchants had emptied their shelves. They all started to buy at once."

Most mills order books for worsted yarns cover the next 30 months and more. For cloth, they extend even further ahead.

Even so, Reginald Pitcher, as shrewd a judge of the market as any in Bradford, looks ahead with a degree of caution.

"I have a feeling," he says, "that the edge will be off this boom by the end of March if retail buying by the public shows any sign of wavering."

Comments Jackson Sweeting back in Bradford: "We are beginning to sense that the pipelines to the public are getting rather full of stock again."

"If there is the slightest dropping off in consumer demand, trade could dry up tomorrow."

Undoubtedly, Bradford is on the crest of a high prosperity wave at this moment.

But whether it is now at the top, and ready to slide down on the other side, is a matter of opinion.

The rise in Bank rate to 5 p.c. is a matter of some importance in this respect.

Whatever happens, a firm like Illingworth Morris, one of the biggest in Yorkshire wool, has enough work on hand to keep it going flat out until its financial year ends on September 30.

Its profits will almost certainly be shown to have climbed high up in the sky.

But only do so if the retail clothing trade continues its recent bounding mood.

One of the personalities of this wool city is 58-year-old Mr Maurice Abrahams.

Short and dapper, Mr Abrahams started on his own at 19 as a mohair and velvet merchant,

Unusual

At 29, he set up a business of upholstery fabric manufacturers which has since become the Associated Weavers combine.

Today, his firm is the £3,500,000 A.W. (Securitised) Ltd., with more than one-third of its trade in carpet making.

Abrahams runs the business with five brothers. They have an unusual agreement. Whatever their responsibilities and position in the firm, they all have identical pay packets.

Very naturally, they are proud that in the 31 months to November 30, while sales of the whole carpet industry increased 6 p.c., theirs went up 24 p.c.

They are also proud of a fine modern factory they have built on a 50-acre site on the outskirts of Bradford.

Their hopes for the future are demonstrated in the amount of space land available for expansion.

The rising curve of A.W.'s carpet sales is flattening out considerably now that present comparisons are with a period a year ago when the boom in consumer goods was well in its stride.

Example: Sales in the six months to October 4, showed a 15 p.c. rise. For the period to January 7, the increase had been trimmed to 22 p.c.

However, it is clear that A.W. (Securitised) are going to have a further good increase in earnings for its present trading year.

For last year, Maurice Abrahams paid 30 p.c. from nearly 90 p.c. earned. He gave a one-fourth share bonus as well.

He feels his company's charges should move up to a 5 p.c. yield basis. They show a 3 p.c. just now.

Whether they attain the higher ranking depends, I would say, on continued freedom from hire-purchase controls.

Unfortunately, I cannot claim to be a clairvoyant.

—London Express Service.

SAM WHITE'S Newsletter from Algiers

So these were the men who made France tremble!

ALGIERS.
COMING to Algiers from Paris is like walking through a mirror. On the Paris side the figure of de Gaulle looms to a size almost too big for it; on the Algiers side it shrinks to almost that of a postage stamp.

In Paris one sees only the triumphant assertion of presidential authority.

Here one realises with sickening despair that de Gaulle's will counts for little with the only force that matters—the army.

Humiliation

Let no one be deceived by the humiliating collapse of the so-called insurrection recently. What it proved was that the Algiers pitch before which successive French Governments had trembled, was venal, vainglorious and cowardly.

The rising came as the result of prior assurances of Army benevolence and lasted only as long as the army was prepared to protect.

It could have been ended easier much earlier by a two-day blockade.

To give one an idea of the quality of the men behind the barricades, it is only necessary to recount the sentinel.

Only a week earlier they had been screaming at the riot squad police before opening a murderous fire at them. "Why don't you go and fight the FLN?" That is to say the Moslem guerrilla army which launched the war against the French five years ago.

The army will mutiny against two of the three chief de Gaulle has left open to Algeria in a future free referendum. It

opposes any form of loose association with France which the army believes can only lead to independence.

The army considers that only the complete integration of Algeria with France will justify its bitter five-year-old war and provide a sufficiently clear political objective for the war itself.

The army believes that de Gaulle's policy has produced wavering and uncertainty among the Moslems whose support is essential in a guerrilla war such as this.

Unacceptable

They sum up their predicament with a query that has become a slogan: "How can you rally the Moslems to a question mark?"

It is because virtually the entire officer corps has been won over in the view that uncertainty regarding Algeria's future is hampering them in their operations that a thorough purge of the army seems an impossible undertaking.

What is the use of sacking some generals and colonels if

their successors will think exactly as they did in six months time if they do not do so already?

Furthermore, de Gaulle's belief that after a negotiated ceasefire free elections can be held with former rebels as candidates or actively participating in the campaign is totally unacceptable to the army.

Indeed, the moment ceasefire talks are open with the rebels the balloon will go up.

The present situation is that the army has temporarily rallied to de Gaulle but only in order to enforce its terms later. Its greatest fear is a possible split in the army. It is now planning to avert any possibility of a split.

War or no war Algiers is an extraordinarily pleasant city, especially when as is happening now the sun beats down with a ferociously Londoners only know in a particularly lucky August.

It may look with a number of troops in it like Southampton on the eve of D-Day but it is a Southampton on the southern shores of the Mediterranean with



splendid French and North African cooking and local wines so heady that they would make a plotter out of the most timid citizen.

Plotting is almost a full-time occupation here and any self-respecting plotter makes himself available for interview with attendant police spies at least twice a day either at the Aletti Hotel Bar or the St George Hotel.

Up until whose wife would be happy to give you the latest news concerning his health.

A beefy leader of the revolt who was promising to die on the barricades last week is clearly standing drinks to friends today.

No worries

The very best restaurant called in Arabic "The Old Camel Saddle" is as quiet as ever with the Algiers rich. They have little to worry about as their money is being repatriated to France just as quickly as France is pouring money into Algeria.

There is only one note of complaint: an American engineer here for a few days from the Sahara complains bitterly that the local golf course was closed during the insurrection. "I worked all over South America and no Latin American revolution ever succeeded in closing the golf course," he said.

—London Express Service.

Sleazy

The Aletti is rather sleazy and thuggish; you get a higher-class type of plotter and police spy at the St George—a rambling country house type of hotel on a hill overlooking the city.

At either you can find the young man who was behind the barricades yesterday serving behind the bar today. A short walk will bring you to the somewhat fly-blown cafe of M. Joseph Ortiz, one of the leaders of the

The L.R.C. ladies were good shots in those days...

By JILL
DOGGETT

were actively pursued by a subsequent generation of members. It is recorded that a Mrs Armstrong was croquet champion in 1910, but other information is scanty because during the Japanese Occupation all early records of the club's origins were destroyed.

SUCCESS

At the request of the present president, Mrs R. W. H. Maynard, the history of the club, first consisting of four tennis courts and and a matched for rest and shade. Croquet was another natural choice of recreation, but—most unexpectedly—the ladies decided to have a rifle group also.

SKILL

On the site of the present rifle beds below the present clubhouse, the rifle ranges were in constant use with L.R.C. members practising regularly at the butts.

There is a note that gentlemen members of the L.R.C. put a cricket team including Lord Hobbs on March 4, 1864 to play against the Hongkong Cricket Club. The latter team won by 20 runs.

The original trustees were Sir Thos. Jackson, Mr C. D. Bottomley and Mr F. D. Sassoon. Col. H. Owen-Hughes was one of the pre-war trustees when Mrs Mary Isabelle Hancock was the president.

She was successful in securing a Government loan of \$4,400 in 1924 which was repaid in five years' time.

During the Occupation the L.R.C. site was cleared for use as a airbase but by the time of the Liberation it was partly a slag heap and partly a slag heap.

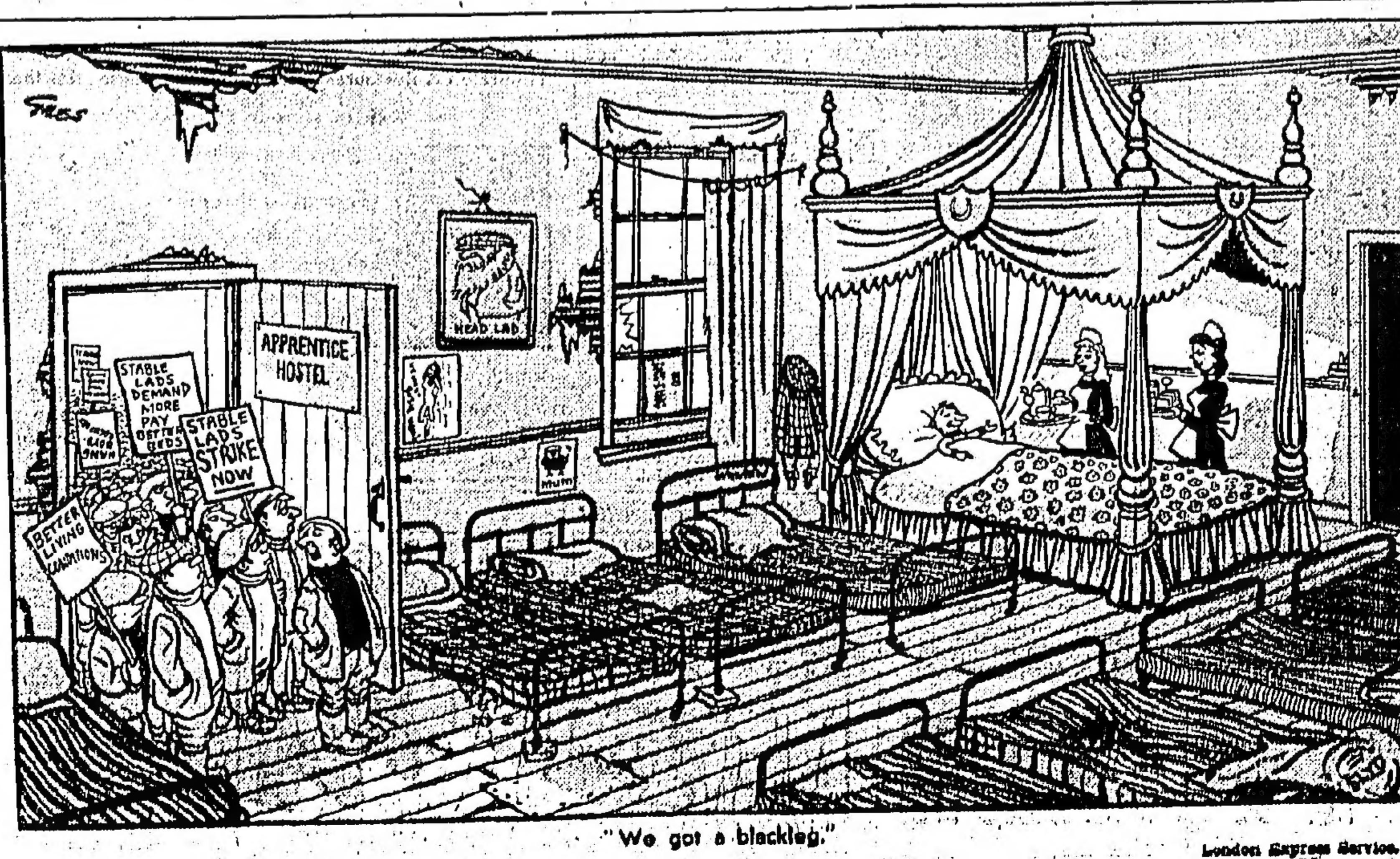
SQUASH?

In December 1946 the rehabilitation of the club was commenced. Mrs D. L. Prophet became president in 1949 and the schemes for expansion were speeded up resulting in the opening of the present premises in August 1950 by Lady Grantham.

Further plans including the erection of a squash court are at present under discussion.

Comments on the L.R.C. were recorded in one of Rudyard Kipling's works, "Sea to Sea and Other Sketches," he says that in one point the ladies of Hongkong are superior in their imitation of an Indian up-country station.

The ladies (in Hongkong) have a club of their very own, to which, I believe, men are only allowed to come on sufferance. At a dance (presumably in the Colonies) there are about 20 men to one lady and there are practically no spinstera in the island. The inhabitants complain of being cooped in and shut up. They look at the sea below them and long to get away.



"We got a blackleg."

London Express Service.

THE MEN FROM SPACE AND LOT'S WIFE

MOSCOW.
IT was an atomic explosion that killed Lot's wife, a Russian scientist suggests.

She was not turned into a ton rock slabs on the Baalbek pillar of salt (Genesis xix) Verandah in the Lebanon as she fled from the destruction of Sodom.

When she looked round, says Commissar Agrest, a master of physico-mathematics, she was killed by a nuclear explosion set off by men from outer space.

The return

The explosion, Agrest theorises in the Soviet Literary Gazette, was caused by surplus nuclear fuel being destroyed by the spacemen before they took off in their rocket ships.

He says the Dead Sea Scrolls support his theory.

Before they took off the visitors possibly built the 2,000-

(London Express Service).

WOMANSENSE

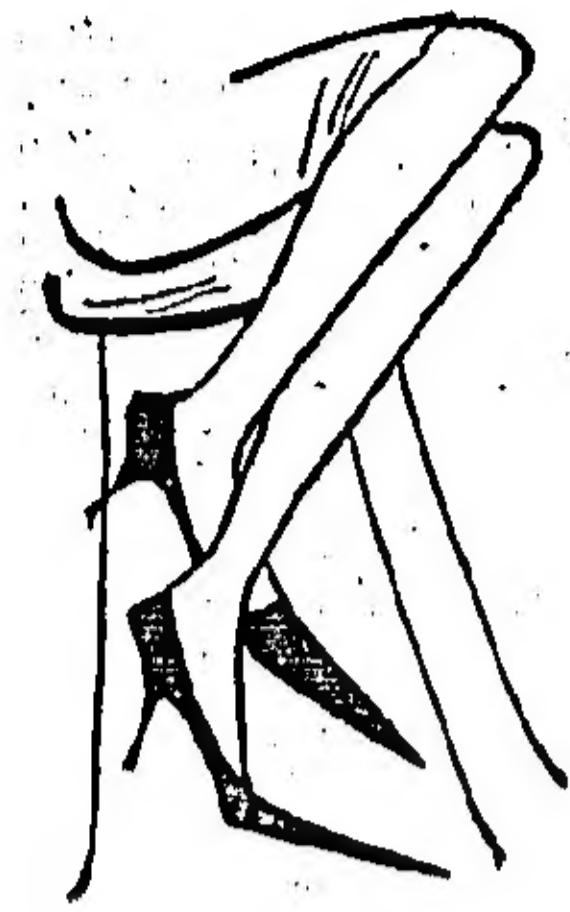
OH, WHAT BIG FEET YOU HAVE!



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22,

AQUARIUS (January 21–February 19): You will be able to avert a domestic storm which is threatening with calm and logical reasoning.**PISCES** (February 20–March 20): You will benefit from a mistake you made in the past by knowing how to handle a similar situation in which you now find yourself.**ARIES** (March 21–April 19): Your optimism about a new appointment will be fully justified.**TAURUS** (April 20–May 20): A close association with a person born in the first half of September will bring you happiness and material success.**GEMINI** (May 21–June 21): In consenting to do a certain job which is not quite in your line, make sure beforehand that you will receive proper compensation for your work.**CANCER** (June 22–July 21): A misunderstanding may have kept you temporarily away from a friend. Get together as soon as you can and laugh the matter off.**LEO** (July 22–August 21): Approach the forthcoming

interview full of confidence, assert your personality, and don't let unexpected questions throw you off balance.

VIRGO (August 22–September 22): In your daily dealings avoid being too fussy. It irritates others and distracts your attention from more important issues.**LIBRA** (September 23–October 22): Having started on a well thought out scheme, stick to it. Don't get bored too easily, and don't try to switch to something else too soon.**SCORPIO** (October 23–November 21): Let the mind rather than the heart be your guide in making an important decision about the future of a younger person.**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22–December 21): Be businesslike when sealing an agreement with an associate, and don't be influenced by sentimentality to relinquish your just share of the bargain.**CAPRICORN** (December 22–January 20): If you are under the impression that a good friend is withholding something about her health from you, force the issue by paying her an unexpected visit.**YOUR BIRTHDAY:** If your birthday is this week, you will find a symbol of good fortune in a gift of a picture.

*The latest teenage craze:
shoes with six-inch toes*

★ 1960 ration of black: silk jersey top, black suede gloves, black spiky shoes, all offsetting the frosty white of a straight linen skirt. The jersey top is made by Dorville, with fringed sleeves and hem; can be worn inside or outside a skirt.

THE most relentless fashion-craze since black stockings has been quietly gathering momentum in the teenage world: the craze for what friend of mine calls "Rumpelstiltskin shoes": high-heeled shoes whose pointed toes sprout a fantastic extra three or four inches.

Where or how or why this extraordinary phenomenon first arose, minute research has failed to reveal to me: for the moment, however, it seems here to stay.

Keep your eyes glued to the pavement in Oxford Street at any weekday luncheon: you'll see hundreds, spare toe-length slippings in the breeze, their teenage wearers happily conscious of being absolutely in mode. "I wear them because everyone else wears them," one teenager told me serenely.

The Dior of this fashion world is apparently a small shop in Islington where they are made to measure; specify extra toe length required.

Others come from a Wardour Street shop which does a brisk business almost entirely with teenagers, who spend £5 and £7 a time, for toes no longer than six inches from the vamp. Balmain and Cartier Town are other strongholds.

High-fashion shoe stores (conservative is the teenage word) (conservative is the teenage word) (conservative is the teenage word) do not stock them.

Penalty for being in the swim is, first, a certain difficulty about dashing upstairs briskly: their wearers are obliged to progress in a crouched, S-shaped manner, to pull over their own toes when living. Any woman, however, will agree that these are small sacrifices to make in the cause of fashion.

Instead, black is being used in a new imaginative way as a secondary or accessory colour; and the colour it is used with, most of the time, is white.

Black silk is used for the top

of a long evening dress with a black and white striped skirt, black shantung for the blouse, top of a white wool suit; they black pillbox hat and gloves with a white cocktail dress. And to stress the secondary role of black, in skirt-and-top partnership, it is the skirt that is white and the top black, instead of the other way round.

The girl in the picture shows one way of doing it: black silk jersey teamed with white linen. Summers will produce a rash of variations: billowing white broderie anglaise, and black-on-white cuttop; full-length white lace with a swathed black chiffon top; a black lace top with crisp white organdie skirt; the permutations are endless.

Fresher than solid black; less hackneyed than little-girl all-white, the checkerboard contrast of this black-and-white look is,



PICTURE BY JOHN ODEK

London for two days of crack English hospitality. It is now clear that brown lipstick will be one of the distinguishing marks of the Beat girls this summer — and of many, many others.

But the American giants who launch it have widely differing views about its salability.

A word:

REVLON, already in the shops with their Toffee Sherbet report it a wow, and are following it up swiftly with a lighter version called Mocha Folia.

Max Factor have produced a dizzying range of six brownish shades, but are not releasing it in England.

And Helen Rubenstein, who have brought out two new delicious pinky brownish shades have no plans at all for marketing them in this country: all right, they feel, for the sallow French face, but not so good for an English rose. I can't say I find myself in violent disagreement.

—(London Express Service).

bothering to come all the way to Paris to see them.

And although most American buyers had spent most of their allowances — and were saving the rest for Balenciaga and Givenchy, several cables back to their stores for more.

"We did it," said John Cavanagh, "to let them know we still exist and get them coming over here again. A lot of them had stopped coming altogether."

The American press was unflattering — to much money flowed away in travel expenses, hotel bills, transporting and feeding the models, cars, champagne and flowers. In non-tangible terms, however, all the couturiers involved feel that the trip was well worth while.

American buyers were impressed not merely by the smooth chic of London tailoring; they were astounded both by the courtesy of the London couturiers and their eagerness in almost certainly be invited to

Spurred on by this success the Incorporated Society is already making plans for next season; and their eagerness in

almost certainly be invited to

CHILDREN'S CORNER

A Magnificent Picnic

—*Mr. Merlin Knows A Place Where It Never Rains*—

By MAX TRELL

MERLIN, the Magnificent Magician, had told everyone to be ready at half-past nine.

"We're all going on a picnic," he had said. "Suppose it rains?" Knaef, the Shadow Boy with the Turned-About Name, had asked him.

"Now—now—don't fret," said Mr. Merlin, still smiling. "I haven't forgotten the lunch basket. Here it is." And Mr. Merlin reached in his coat pocket and took out a very small plastic basket.

"There'll be plenty to eat for all of us!" he said.

Again everyone groaned but they all started out. Instead of opening the door and going outside, Mr. Merlin walked straight across the room.

"Come along, come along," he kept saying.

Then he walked straight through the wall, and everybody followed him.

"No!" he said. "I'll bring it." So at nine-thirty the next morning everyone was ready. They were all walking under the geranium plant that stood on the floor by the window in a

skylight pillow with wings.

"Come along, come along," he said. "It's a field filled with flowers. The butterflies bowed. The violets and pansies curtsied and moved out of the way.

And a wonderful thing was happening to Mr. Merlin's picnic basket. It was growing larger and larger with every step he took. He filled it with sandwiches from the sandwich trees (eggs, peanut butter, strawberry jam and chicken), and

the basket was filled almost to bursting.

Had wonderful time.

And what a wonderful time everyone had on Mr. Merlin's magnificent picnic. They climbed slippery vines and swam in sunbeams, and made a fire of fireflies, and sat in a tree and sang with the birds!

And when, late that afternoon, they came home again they found it was still raining.

"Thank you, Mr. Merlin," said everybody. "Thank you for a magnificent picnic!"

"You're welcome, I'm sure!" replied Mr. Merlin.

And he spun on one leg like

a top and vanished.

Rupert and the Windies — 9



In his astonishment at the sight of the weird strangers Rupert can hardly answer: "Please, I don't understand," he says shakily.

"Who are you? What are you talking about?" "Tcha! You're as dumb as the other ones!" squeaks the flying object. "Don't

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JACOBY on BRIDGE

BARBARA Kachmar of New York did not know she was vulnerable. Hence her rather rash two-heart bid. When the bidding got back to East he took his arm off the score and remarked, "Do you know you are vulnerable?"

Barbara's reply was, "I'm not vulnerable." Whereupon East yelled, "Double!"

East's tactics are not to be commanded but his defense was poor enough to let Barbara make the hand.

He won the opening spade lead with the ten and selected the six of diamonds as his return. Barbara played the eight and West's king lost to dummy's

NORTH 6
♦K9
♦Q3
♦A54
♦Q7543

WEST (D) EAST
♦Q854 ♦A103
♦AQ8 ♦A952
♦K73 ♦J96
♦AJs ♦1002

SOUTH
♦72
♦KJ54
♦Q1052
♦K9

North and South vulnerable
West North East South
N.T. Pass Pass 2♦
Pass Pass Double Pass
Opening lead: ♦4

ace. Now Barbara cashed the ten and queen of diamonds and led a second spade. East was in with the ace and had a perfectly logical spade return but chose the deuce of hearts instead.

Barbara let this ride toward dummy's nine and West went to win the trick with the queen. Now there was no way for the deuce to be cashed more than one club and the ace of trumps and Barbara had made game and rubber.

Furthermore, she had the last word. Turning to East she remarked, "Now I remember. We were vulnerable all the time."

—**CARD Sense**—
—The bidding has been:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass
2♦ Pass 3♦ Pass
4♦ Pass 4NT Pass
5♦ Pass 5NT Pass
6♦ Pass 6NT Pass
7♦ Pass
You, South, held:
♦A K J ♦Q 9 8 ♦K Q J 10 5
What do you do?
A: Six no-trump. Your partner has shown that your side has all four aces and he has gone to six no-trump without knowing that you have six clubs. Seven no-trump should be a spread.

—**TODAY'S QUESTION**
You open one club holding:
♦Q 12 ♦K 10 ♦A 17 ♦A K 7 4 2
Your partner responds one spade. What do you do now?
Answer Tomorrow

FLAT AS PANCAKE

I JUST can't understand where I go wrong in making a Victoria sponge sandwich," writes a reader sadly. "Everything seems all right until I look in the oven and find it golden brown and nicely risen; then it slows down which makes it heavy. I do not put it in a cold place to cool and am careful in every way."

The best thing I can do for you is to give you the method of mixture that I always use, very successfully, and hope that you will see where you go wrong.

Cream 4oz. of butter together

with 4oz. of castor sugar plus

any flavouring you may wish to use and mix until soft and fluffy. Whisk two eggs in a basin and then add the fat mixture, a little at a time.

Sieve together 4oz. plain flour

and 1 teaspoonful of baking

powder, add a little salt and fold this into your egg and fat mixture. Put the mixture into two greased sandwich tins and smooth to the edges. Bake in a moderate oven for 25 minutes. When they are out of the oven and cool, sandwich them together with jam and sprinkle with icing sugar.

Left-over chopped spinach and mashed potatoes make a good combination, with crumbled bacon added or extra onions. Combine spinach and potatoes, add cheese and heat in double boiler. Whip until fluffy, add a dash each of onion and garlic salt, and serve.

To prevent evaporation, add flavouring to boiled custards, frosting and sweets when they are cooled.

To give plum pudding or fruit-cake a flaming touch, top each serving with a sugar cube dipped in lemon extract. Light the sugar cube and serve.

Store fresh poultry loosely in aluminium foil, parchment or waxed paper and refrigerate immediately.

A fresh pineapple should be clean, heavy, free from bruises, and square shouldered. It also should have a fragrant smell.

Hang electric cords over thick round wooden pegs so the insulation will not be chafed or the wire kinked.

With a magnifying glass, check fresh fruit for insects. If you see any, wash the fruit in cold water and dry it with a cloth.

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TUNG WAH IN SHIELD FINAL

Winners knew too much for the young 'Tigers'

By I. M. MacTAVISH.

The Boundary Street football ground has played a major part in Colony soccer affairs this season. The fans have flocked to the arena in numbers that could never have been equalled for similar games on the other side of the harbour and yesterday the Hongkong Police Sports Association made a nice 'thank you' gesture by arranging for the visiting band of the United States Marines to entertain the capacity crowd which turned out to see the Senior Shield semi-final tie between Tung Wah and Sing Tao.

It was almost the only generous gesture during an afternoon which saw Tung Wah move into the final of the competition by five goals to nil after a game which was at times too heavily punctuated with rough play . . . bitterness . . . and individual vendettas.

In many ways it was a strange game full of contradictions; a perfect football panto-dox; yet hardly measuring up to the expectations of an audience of such importance. During the first 20 minutes Sing Tao dominated play al-

most completely but at the end of that time they were two goals down. The Tigers had plenty of skills, lots of constructive leads, speed and ball control but when it came to the vital task of getting the ball into the net they ran up against all the fakery of the goal-guarding gremlins.

The Tung Wah defence was very fortunate to survive several mighty near things but there was no luck about the businesslike way they snappet up their chances when they came along.

The difference

The difference between the sides lay in the extra bit of experience which Tung Wah possessed but it was disappointing to see a semi-final tie so badly marred by so much rough and dangerous play.

Strangely enough it was all started by a tackle which Yiu Cheuk-yan made on Sing Tao's Court 2 — Finish of M. Lo & F. Mu v. J. T. Whittet & M. J. Spink.

Court 3 — B. S. Lee & H. K. Hu v. K. C. Wong & A. Szeto.

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Court 7 — C. J. Small v. D. L. Baker.

Court 8 — E. Saubolle v. A. A. Buske-Curysoff.

TOMORROW

Colony Open Centre Court — W. P. Tsui & Y. P. Tsui v. w/o W. S. Lee & H. K. Ho or K. C. Duo & A. Szeto.

Court 1 — S. Sonoda & K. B. Dijo v. w/o K. W. Chung & V. T. Wang or P. Wong & L. Kim.

HKCC Championships Court 2 — C. J. Small v. F. P. L. Margets.

Court 3 — M. J. Spink v. H. Eggenberger.

Court 4 — C. Soetens v. P. S. Trostal.

Court 5 — H. Lubeseder v. R. J. Maguire.

Court 6 — J. T. Whittet & Mrs Reynolds v. Mr and Mrs H. J. Schneemann.

WEDNESDAY

Colony Open Centro Court — Bottom doubles semi-final.

HKCC Championships Court 1 — P. S. Trostal v. E. Saubolle v. A. Fitch & H. Eggenberger.

Court 2 — F. P. L. Margets & S. R. V. Wallace v. R. J. Schneemann & P. Popovic.

Court 3 — C. Soetens & G. E. Lowman v. J. T. Whittet & M. J. Spink.

THURSDAY

HKCC Championships Court 1 — G. A. Pritchard & A. Malden v. H. R. W. Letham & C. J. Small.

Court 2 — R. J. Maguire & Miss A. Dickson-Louch v. Mr & Mrs H. Rawlings.

Court 3 — Mr & Mrs Bacon v. M. J. Spink & Miss J. E. Hall.

Raisuddaula wins Indian St Leger

Bombay, Feb. 21. The Maharaja of Gwalior's 3 to 1 chance Raisuddaula won the Indian St Leger, over one mile six furlongs here today.

Raisuddaula, by Hyderali out of Merryango, was ridden by Pandit Motwani and won comfortably by two and three-quarter lengths from Ghazi, with Ein Way half a length further away, third.

Rose De Bahama, winner of the Indian Oaks on January 24, was unplaced among the eight runners.

Rose De Bahama was joint favourite with Pride of Andhra, who finished fourth.—Reuter.

2 goals in 2 raids

Both full-backs, pivot Fung Kit, Cheung Chi-man, Chow Kit, and Lee Tak-tung were the top men in the Tigers' team. All the side lacked was a bit of experience and a bit of luck . . . and they might have profited from a little less of the 'beef' tactics which one or two of the players exploited.

Play started almost 25 minutes late and from the first move it was Sing Tao who took up the running. They attacked and struck but they could not score . . . and just when they stopped for air Tung Wah swopt to the other end. They

Olympic ice hockey

Squaw Valley, Feb. 22. Germany, led by Karl Beppi, defeated Finland 4-1 yesterday and earned a place in the six-team Olympic hockey tournament. The other five finalists are Russia, the defending champions, Canada, Sweden, the United States, and Czechoslovakia.—AP.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HKFA Chairman

Sir,—With regard to reports of HKFA Council's 'secret' (closed-door) meeting that Mr C. S. Wang has, been unduly criticised for his volunteering service to assist the visiting Peruvian Soccer Team and arranged local teams to play against them, all these arguments were rather untimely and meaningless.

Considering the fact that FA has noted profit of more than \$100,000 and much benefit has been gained and valuable lessons learned by local soccer circles, why should the Power-to-be still complain?

There is no doubt that Mr C. S. Wang is hot-headed at times, yet his good service for social welfare and promoting soccer interest were well-merited and praiseworthy. HK needs such personalty to do whatever is GOOD for the public.

As a loyal supporter of HK and Kowloon football (including miniature soccer) I always hold sincere respect for Mr Chairman of HKFA and the co-operation of other members, and all, for the past and the many many years to come.

Bravo, Mr C. S. Wang, don't get mad about such trifles and do continue your unselfish service for HK and China.

LAI KUNG-WUN.

MacTavish replies

Sir,—My attention has been drawn to the letter from Mr I. Petrie which appeared in the China Mail on Saturday.

In many years of writing I have long ago learned that it is unwise to take anything granted and I would like to assure Mr Petrie that immediately after the fourth game in the series against the Peruvians I received permission to go to the Hongkong dressing room where, along with one of the councillors of the HKFA, I talked to Toledo about his injury and in fact I had a look at the limb which had caused him so much pain.

I. M. MacTAVISH.

"Old-heads" goal

In spite of the mounting score Sing Tao continued to have as much of the play as their opponents but in the 63rd minute they found themselves still further behind. Lo Kwok-tai did all the early running, then Cheung Chi-doy took over and emphasised how much he has improved by trailing the ball to the right before smacking a good right-foot drive into the net.

Nine minutes later Tung Wah completed the scoring with a typical "old-heads" goal. They got a free-kick just outside the penalty area, Lo Kwok-tai had the Tigers in two minds and before they could co-ordinate their covering plans Chan Ful-hung made the most of the situation by placing the ball wide of the goalkeeper's right hand... and so Tung Wah went nap. With a different smile of fortune early on, it might have been a much closer result.

VERDICT: A disappointing game with victory going to the better exponents of knock-out football. Tung Wah took their chance . . . but the young Tigers should not let this defeat worry them too much. They played some first class football in midfield and they were very unlucky not to score on several occasions. With a little more experience, they will not lose the kind of goals they did in this game.

The teams

SING TAO: Kwong Kwok-lap, Lee Lui-kong, Luk Ping-yiu, Cheung Man-chi, Fung Kit-wan, Chang Chi-man, Lau Woon-chung, Chow Kit, Li-ki-leung, Tsang Kang-kong, Lee Tak-tung.

TUNG WAH: Kwong Chau-ping, Toledo, Wong Chi-kong, Cheung Pak-tung, Ng Wai-man, Lei Giong, Au Fung-lin, Lo Kwok-tai, Chung Chi-doy, Yiu Cheuk-yan, Kong Yin-ying.

Nominate YOUR HONGKONG FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

(1) Footballing prowess.

(2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into account his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play, is:

of the Club.

(Signed)

(NOTE: No person is allowed to vote more than once in this poll)

Soviet student first to break world record at Winter Olympics

Lidia Skoblikova, 20-year-old Soviet student from Cheljabinsk, in the Urals, today became the first competitor to break a world record in the 1960 Winter Olympic Games.

The blonde Russian girl sped round the track in the women's 1,500 metres Speed-skating championship in 2 mins 25.2 secs—three-tenths of a second faster than any woman had previously achieved.

Her time beat the world mark set seven years ago by her compatriot Khalida Schegoleva.

Second in the field of 23 competitors from ten nations was the Polish girl Elwira Scrojanska, with 2 mins 24.7 secs, and third another Polish competitor, Helena Plejczak, with 2 mins 27.1 secs.

Sweden and Switzerland won other gold medals today. Klas Leszander, 28-year-old boulder from Arjeplog, in the northernmost part of Sweden, won the Giant Slalom contest to be held in the Olympics Games—event which was expected to yield the Soviet Union a clean sweep.

Leszander "came out of the blue" to beat the Soviet Union quartet, reckoned previously the greatest Biathlon experts in the world, in this grueling combination of cross-country skiing and shooting.

Giant slalom

The blond Swede drove and shot his way through the 20-kilometre test at McKinley Creek, near here, in the official time of one hour 33 mins 21.0 secs. He had a perfect score for the four-target ranges.

Antti Tyrvainen of Finland was second and Alexander Privatov, of the Soviet Union, third. Behind were the four Russians—world champion Vladimir Melnikov (fourth), Vladimir Potapov (fifth) and

WEEKEND SOFTBALL

PANDAS ASSURED OF JUNIOR LEAGUE RUNNERS-UP BERTH

By OLLY VAS.

The Pandas assured themselves of the runners-up position in the Junior softball league when they beat the Indians 19-10 on Saturday. Yesterday, the Indians lost again, this time by 8-9 to the Cheyennes, and the Cardinals triumphed 9-7 over the Giants.

No Senior games were played off as both SCAA and the Pandas gave walkovers to the U.S. Navy and the Cheyennes respectively. In the latter instance Bye-Law 14, which says "Any team unable to field a full team 15 minutes after the Umpire has given notice shall forfeit the game to the opposing team" was applied but plate umpire Bill Silva failed to give any notice to the Pandas.

The Indians had a chance to open the scoring in their Junior first and Lam showing a nice turn of speed made it safely to third base. Silva was caught in a bit of interpassing in the Indian infield so the second out of the inning and Cyril Law popped up to close the frame with the Chinese team comfortably ahead as Lam had scored during the scoring columns in the top of the third inning. Silva double-bunted and F. R. Souza got a walk as Panda pitcher Arthur Olces tossed wild to first base and both Souza and Oliveira scored to lower the margin to 2-0.

Comfortable lead Oliveira, Viera and Souza got a walk as Panda pitcher Arthur Olces temporarily lost sight of the plate. Olces flied to centre-field for the first out of the third inning. Silva came up with the big blow of the game, a triple to left-centre field, in Souza with the Indians first run of the game. Silva was caught out to close the inning. Ng got out via an infield error, stole second and then came

Still a chance

The Pandas were put out in order and the fourth inning ended with the score 8-1 in favour.

In the top of this frame F. X. Souza hit safely and advanced to third on an error and Oliveira hit. Rosa's grounder was badly picked up by Panda pitcher Arthur Olces who tossed it wild to first base and both Souza and Oliveira scored to lower the margin to 2-2.

Rosa then stole third but with only one down Silva could only manage a weak hit to Olces who, this time, made sure of the relay. Olces then struck out F. R. Souza to end the Indian inning.

The Indians still were in with a chance, being only five runs down at this stage but the bottom of the fourth spoilt the end for them. Indian pitcher David Viera issued six free passes as 12 batters strode up to the plate. This, together with nine errors from his teammates, allowed the Pandas to lead eight times to 10-8 and any semblance to a softball match was by now merely coincidental.

Worthy winners

The Indians settled down in the fifth and sixth innings to hold the opposition scoreless and to register seven runs to make it 10-10.

There was still some hope left in the top of the seventh but then David Viera lost complete control and issued two wild pitches in the dirt to allow Ng and Lam to tally another two runs for the Pandas and when Ng scored to bring the total up to 10 it was all over bar the shouting. Silva, F. R. Souza and then Olces went down in order in the bottom of the last inning leaving the final score at 10-10 with the Pandas worthy winners of a contest which never reached any great heights.

For the Pandas, Arthur Olces tossed a nice game, giving up only five hits. For the Indians, David Viera issued ten walks and seemed almost nonchalant about his pitching, which was not surprising, considering the 10 errors his mates came up with. Captain Souza will want to forget all about this match. It just wasn't his day behind the plate.

THE GAMBOLES



"Home sweet HOME—what food—what wheel—what . . ."

Tamar make grand rugby debut with 8-0 win over Whitfield Wanderers

By PAK LO

The Tamar Rugby XV more than lived up to expectations in their first game this season when they comfortably beat the Whitfield Wanderers Plate XV by 8 points (one goal, one try) to nil on Saturday afternoon, and gave promise of becoming a really good XV after playing a few more games together.

Earlier in the afternoon, on the same ground, Police strolled through their game against the Sappers winning by 11 points (one goal, two tries) to 6 points (two tries) the disappointing match in which neither side shone to any great extent.

Over at Stanley, Club "A" had little trouble in disposing of the 1st Lanes by 8 points (one goal, one penalty goal), to 3 points (one penalty goal).

In the other matches, the Northumbrian Fusiliers put paid to 40 Field by 21 points to 6 points.

AT Little Sul Wan turned up with 10 men but after borrowing some players, including one from their opponents, 32nd Medium, managed to raise their total to fourteen. Even with this assistance the Airmen went down to defeat by 33 points to 11 points.

Fixtures altered

Incidentally, as the Airmen are unable to field a strong team at present, the fixtures for next Wednesday evening have now been altered to produce two more interesting games. At 6 p.m. Army "A" play the Rem. "A", and at 7.15 p.m. the Army take on the team of the Colony.

News is also to hand that the Army Plate Competition Final will be held on March 2 and that this evening Wayfours will have another run out against a Club Selection at 7 p.m. on the Club ground before they finally meet the Club full team in their annual match.

Tamar v. Whitfield Wanderers Plate XV

The Wanderers' team was by no means as weak as the name suggests, and the Navy certainly deserved their victory.

In fact it will be interesting to see how this team does against the Club Selection when they meet on March 9.

At present this is the only fixture Tamar have on their list, and as they want more practice they are willing to play one and all at any time. Details can be fixed through Commander Garrison, who will be delighted to deal with all enquiries.

The game itself was a spirited encounter from end to end with both sides tackling fiercely.

Wanderers had a slight advantage in the lineouts, while Tamar were slightly superior in the scrums.

Different story

But behind the packs it was a very different story. Tamar were far, for better, and Wanderers paid only brief visits to the Tamar end of the pitch in the second half.

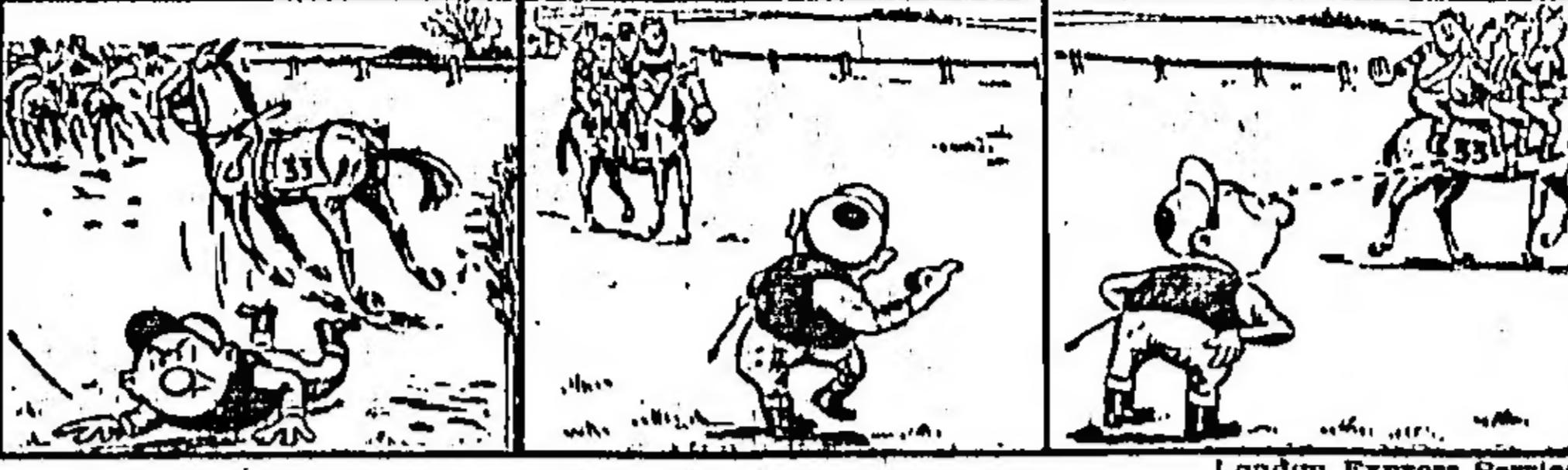
Knight had an excellent game at scrum-half for Tamar producing some very nice breaks and some steady good passing.

The Tamar threes, with Beck standing head and shoulders above the rest, were faster and handled better than the Wanderers. These backs only need more practice together to become a real force in local rugby.

The Tamar pack in the loose was much faster and covered to a greater extent. Jones, their skipper, not only led the pack with a minimum of words but set a fine example of always being where he was most needed. Ryls did very well in the lineouts, while what attracted with the whole Navy pack, besides their keenness, was their obvious intention to handle the ball whenever they could. Not only did they try and usually succeed in getting their hands and not their foot to the ball but they gave their three plenty of cover. Not that this was needed for Barnett was very sound and steady at full-back.

The Wanderers pack had Simpson shining in the loose, and Wixman and Chitty put-

SPORTING SAM by Reg. Wootton



London Express Service

evade a tackler stepped over the touchline, Tamar got the ball in the lineout and pushed their way over for Jones to touch down and score. No conversion, 8-0.

Police v. Sappers

The Police played throughout with only 14 men—and it could never be said that they looked really impressive, but did look better than the Sappers.

Police dominated the lineouts, where the Sappers were without Winn and Keill easily out-hopped his opposite number.

Orler once again was the star of the match, and had his teammates worked as hard as he did they would have needed a calculating machine to work out the results.

The Sappers pack was very slow and made little or no attempt to jump. Cleary was bodily off form, and the back division never looked happy in attack, their passing being very weak.

The Police passing, too, was not good, but again it was slightly better than that of the Sappers, and Riach had a couple of good breaks in the centre while Lloyd played a very good game both in attack and defence.

A suggestion

Acheson was good at full-back, but once again the Police looked as if they were out for a stroll, and obviously had orders not to play too hard to avert injuries before their next big match on Saturday against Garrison.

Talking of that match and the other and final Peninsular between Club and Garrison, it is to be hoped that the HKRU will, as they have so sensibly done before, see fit to switch the venue of one of these games so that fans can watch the final battle for the Tournament honours on one pitch.

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Faded

Following Knight's missed penalty, Tamar pressed hard, but could not break the defence until the ball came loose from a scrum and Cline took it on at his feet, gathered it well, despite a bad bounce and when tackled by Johnson, passed to Beck, who, despite a desperate effort by Johnson to tackle him, also scored half way out. Knight converted 5-0.

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Christie opened the scoring for the Sappers when he broke away from a lineout and tore down the wing to score half way out. No conversion, 8-0.

A few minutes later inside his own half McEvily intercepted a pass and went all the way, well backed up by Lloyd throughout to score in the corner. No conversion, 8-3.

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TV team in search for location

A team of Australian television cameramen started a location hunt this morning for a half-hour film commentary on Hongkong.

The team which arrived last Thursday by CPA will be filming in Hongkong for the next 10 days.

The commentary, called "Hongkong Today," will be shown all over Australia under the production of television station ABC Channel 2.

The film will be the first ever made by an Australian company on Hongkong.

Majority of the film will deal with Hongkong's refugee problem and producers hope that the commentary will stimulate an understanding in Australia of the plight of the refugees in the Colony.

The camera team will use a helicopter for shooting scenes in the resettlement areas.

The company also hope to make a few short five minute features on special subjects in Hongkong.

Stall keepers fined \$300

Two timber-stall keepers who pleaded guilty to a charge of occupying crown land without a licence were each fined \$300 or one month's jail by Central Magistrate, Mr Derek Cohn this morning.

They were 61-year-old Ho Kuen and 52-year-old Poon Luen.

Two others, Tam Fuk and Poon Tung, both 30, were each fined \$50 for the same offence.

Appeal against conviction on bribery

A man convicted of offering a \$1,000 bribe to a police officer had not known when he offered the money that he was a police officer or a public servant, Mr Oswald Cheung, told the Full Court of Appeals this morning.

He was appearing for Chow Hei who is appealing against his conviction on charges of corruptly offering DSF Poon \$1,000 to forbear in arresting two others for possession of dangerous drugs during a raid on a hut on November 27, last year.

He is also appealing against a confirmation order made by the Judge in relation to the \$1,000.

Mr Cheung asked that if the court upheld the conviction that he be allowed to further appeal against the severity of the sentence imposed, as though the bribe had been offered by the judge himself.

"The fact that one pleaded guilty to the charge has no correlation to this case and should not have been allowed," he said.

Mr Cheung continued that there was no evidence to show that at the time the appellant offered the bribe to Insp. Poon he knew that Poon was a police officer.

No evidence

Mr Cheung said that throughout the trial no evidence had been offered that the liquid found boiling over a fire in the hut where the arrests were made was a dangerous drug although the judge had accepted this as a fact.

Therefore, he said, the appellant could not be convicted of offering a bribe to DSF Poon to forbear taking action against two persons under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance.

"No evidence was called from the Government Analyst and all that appeared in the evidence was that Inspector Poon thought the liquid was dangerous drugs. Secondly, it was mentioned in the court that one of the two men had been convicted of the possession of dangerous drugs.

Ching Lok, Feb. 21. Police last night used tear gas and bullet-charged three times to break up a stone-throwing crowd of Africans outside a stadium where a Billy Graham Evangelist group was holding a meeting.

About 30 Africans started to shout "Kwaka" (Dawn) and "Freedom" outside the Nanchang Stadium near here and stones were thrown at police who tried to disperse them.—Reuters.

Police clash with African rioters

A man and a woman were injured at about 6 p.m. yesterday when they were attacked by a man with an axe and hot tar at a hut at Lin Fa King Hill, Tai Hang.

The victims were admitted to Queen Mary Hospital yesterday.

A man has been detained by the police for enquiries.

Police drug raid

Police seized more than 20 pounds of morphine and heroin in a Hunghom flat in an early morning raid on New Year's Eve, the Victoria District Court was told this morning.

Before Judge W. F. Pickering, a 32-year-old woman, Fan Ful-him, who claimed to be an amateur in the flat, pleaded not guilty to charges of possession of the drugs and permitting the unlawful storage of heroin.

Chief Insp. C. L. Smith, prosecuting, said that a police party led by Det. Insp. Chan Kim-wan of the CID raided No. 18 Hung Kwong Street, eighth floor, Hunghom, early on December 31.

They gained entry to the flat by opening the iron door with a key which they had obtained previously, Insp. Smith said.

On entering the flat, they found no one inside. In a rear room, they found quantities of drugs and paraphernalia.

Police remained in the flat until about 8 a.m. when they returned to the house. She described herself as a maid-servant looking after the premises, Insp. Smith said.

Hearing is continuing.

Man, woman assaulted

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Mody Road theft

A thief broke into No. 43 Mody Road, 7th floor, between 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. yesterday and stole a quantity of jewellery and a sum of money to a total value of \$810.

Pleasing concert by Japanese soprano

By D. E. GRAY
ON Saturday night at Wah Yan College, Bernard Ho presented one of the best singers I have heard in soprano Michiko Sunahara.

Madame Sunahara has a pure fresh voice, very well trained and powerful, considering her size.

She can produce some soft notes in the top register with clarity and richness, although at times there was a slight metallic ring to them, and an occasional nasal effect in the lower register. The middle register was uniformly rich and beautifully clear.

But for me, the outstanding feature of her singing was her impeccable intonation. Not one note was the slightest bit out of tune the whole evening.

Sopranos, particularly the general run of operatic sopranos one hears in Europe, Britain and the United States, frequently indulge in, or are carried away by, a volatile vibrato wobble which makes one wonder at times whether the singer intends to sing B, C, or C sharp! Not so Sunahara. It was a pleasure to listen to her true rich intonation, and her beauty of phrasing was a delight.

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Madame Sunahara opened the programme with two arias from Mozart operas, "The Marriage of Figaro" and "Don Giovanni." These were excellent "openers" preparing the way for the group of lovely songs by Mendelssohn. Of these, I thought the most beautiful was "Bei Der Wege."

Her one caught the richness of the alto voice, especially in the middle register, and her perfect breath control and consequently beautiful gradation of tone colour.

The "Villanelle" by Del Acqua was not so effective, in my

opinion—the tempo was too slow and the music tended to drag somewhat. And apart from this defect, the choice of song seemed to be little out of joint with its neighbours. Also, like some of the other songs in the first half, it required a heavier accompaniment than it received.

Let this not reflect in the slightest on the very able performance at the piano of Miss Del Rosario, who at very short notice, owing to the indisposition of Madame Sunahara's regular accompanist, took over. If one had not known, one could hardly have guessed that these two artists had known one another musically for only a few hours.

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In the second half, the group of Japanese songs were quite delightful. Here the singer seemed to be completely at home and in command of the situation, and the partnership between her and the piano seemed also to have improved.

The programme closed with the aria which has apparently made her famous— "One Fine Day" from Madame Butterfly by Puccini. This was as beautifully sung as one hoped for, and with a couple of choruses, the evening of excellent singing came to an end.

It was a pity that the afternoon was so poor—perhaps Sunday is not a good night to attract the public for concerts. Whatever the reason, there were many music-lovers in the colony who missed a very excellent evening of vocal music. I hope we hear more of this soprano in Hongkong.

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